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Title

: MEAT PRODUCT CASING HAVING A MAXIMUM

EXTENSIBLE DIAMETER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated November 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.